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Je certife qu'aucun des documents ci-inclus n'a été contesté par le Tribunal, et que ce livre de documents a été examiné par le Ministére Public suivant les règles du Tribunal, en date du 4 Avril 1940.

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Signature of Counsel

Signature de l'Avocat

Unterschrift des Verteidigers.

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Copy

from the newspaper "Der Stahlhelm"
No 18, Berlin, 30 April 1933.

Broadcast speech of Franz SELDTE.

On the evening of 27 April the leader of the Stahlhelm Association of Front line Soldiers, Reich Minister for Labor Franz SELDTE Broadcast the following speech:

.....

I, who am a member of no party, hereby declare my entry into the National Socialist German Workers' Party, because it is the movement that is to confine the whole German people into a single unit.

I therefore place myself, together with the Stahlhelm Association of Front line Soldiers which I founded, as a military unit complete in itself under the command of the Fuehrer ADOLF HITLER.....

I certify that the above document is an exact transcription of a publication of the newspaper "Der Stahlhelm" of 30 April 1933:

Nuernberg, 26 Juni 1946

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-law.

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Defense Exhibit No. 2

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Copy

from the newspaper "Fraenkischer Kurier".

No. 121 dated 2 May 1933.

Hitler supreme chief of the Stahlhelm.

The Stahlhelm is to remain a complete body.

No more simultaneous membership of both NSDAP and Stahlhelm.

Berlin, 1 May.

The national leadership of the NSDAP welcomes under the signature of Rudolf HESS the declaration of SELDTE to the effect that he has joined the NSDAP with all his association, as a symbolic gesture.

HITLER and SELDTE have moreover mutually agreed to adhere to the now factual organisational separation. It has also been agreed between HITLER and SELDTE that the regulation introduced after the national Revolution that a member of the Stahlhelm can also be a member of the NSDAP and a member of the NSDAP a member of the Stahlhelm is again invalidated. The reason for this step is that the Reichskanzler also attaches importance to the Stahlhelm's remaining a body complete in itself. This body complete in itself is under his authority through the person of SELDTE.....

I certify that the above text is the literal reproduction of a publication in the newspaper "Fraenkischer Kurier" dated 2 May 1933.

Nuernberg, 29 June 1946.

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law

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Defense Exhibit No. 3

(Line 1 - line 4, incl.:) (Page 1 of original)

Copy.

The Steel Helmet Organization Berlin, 28 April 1937.

The Federal Leader.

To the Comrades, Local Group Leaders!

Report on the situation and order of 28 April 1937.

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(Line 20 - line 39, incl.:)

I openly discus ed that again and again with comrade DU STERBERG, the Federal Council and also with the Federal Executive Committee. Each leader knew that I conferred officially with the National Socialists alone without comrade DUESTERBERG, because of the tens ion between him and the NSDAP-leadership.

While these events quietly took place, I unexpectedly received a telegram from comrade DU STERBERG in the evening of 24 April for Comrade DUESTERBERG did not deem it necessary to get in touch with me personally. The text of this telegram runs:

Telegram

From 80 Berlin /7 39/38 1622

1. Federal Leader SELDTE

Tekon 24-4-33 Hotel Bristol Berlin

Just heard about negotiations carried on, without consulting me, with the cooperation of irresponsible advisers. Warn in the last hours on behalf of the overwhelming majority of the Steel Helmet Leaders against a resolution which is to destroy the Steel Helmet Organization.

DUNST RBERG.

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(Line 4 - line 34, incl.:)

I, therefore, sent the following order to Comrades DUESTERBERG and STEPHANI:

Berlin, 26 April 1933

To comrades,

Lieutenant-Colonel, retired, DUESTERBERG,

Major von STEPHANI,

Berlin

I relieve the Second Federal Leader, Lieutenant-Colonel DUESTERBERG, from his official duties and order thim to abstain from any activity in the Steel Helmet Organization.

I personally charge the Provincial Leader of Greater-Berlin, Comrade von STEPHANI, with the transmission and carrying out of this order.

Frontheil!

s/ FRANZ SELDTE.

Furthermore I transmitted the following telgram to all Provincial Leaders:

Telegram is to be sent to each Provincial Leader in person.

My mediating letter of 25 cancelled. I hereby take possession of the sole dictatorial leadership of the Federation.

Orders will follow.

Frontheil!

The Federal Leader

s/ FRANZ SELDTE

I certify that this document is a true copy of a publication I possess.

Nuernberg, 24 May 1946

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law

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(Line 1 - line 8, incl.:)

C o p y .

Stahlhelm open letter.

Goettingen, 3 May 1933.

To the
Minister of Labor Herrn FRANZ SELDTE

B E R L I N

Hotel BRISTOL.

Herr Minister !

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You alone therefore have carried out the transfer to the N.S.D.A.P. with the consent of the N.S.D.A.P. leaders given in this case as an exception. At the same time you have in the specific sense definitely put the Stahlhelm under the "leadership" of Hitler.

This emphasises still more particularly that which would already be self-evident by your joining the N.S.D.A.P. while at same time retaining the leadership of the Stahlhelm. The N.S.D.A.P. recognises only one totalitarian leader, ADOLF HITLER. To this totalitarian leadership the party member FRANZ SEIDTE is subordinate in exactly the same manner as any other member of the Party.

If therefore for example the Fuehrer should, in the long run, consider it necessary in the interest of the political co-ordination of the "combat organizations" subordinate to him, and should give the order, the party member SELDTE must retire from the leadership of the Stahlhelm and give up his position to the SA and SS leader ROEHM. It could no longer be a question of the independance of the Stahlhelm vis-à-vis the N.S.D.A.P. and its combat organizations.

That is the true situation!

Herr Minister, I cannot follow your intentions, and no true member of the Stahlhelm who knows the stark, naked truth will be able to follow you.

You have promised to release us from our oath of allegiance if we were not able to follow you.

This can only mean that you release us from our duty as your followers. Our oath bound us not to your person but to the Stahlhelm conception, around which you and comrade DUESTERBERG united us. It is self-evident that we were released from the duty of allegiance at the precise moment you yourself became unfaithful to the Stahlhelm conception and went over to the N.S.D.A.P., no particular action on your part being needed for the purpose.

You cannot release us from our oath of fidelity to the Stahlhelm conception, any more than we old front line soldiers can ever be or have been released from our oath of fidelity to the black-white-red of the

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German flag.

You are no longer our legal leader. Your term of office had expired. As a result of your own attitude, particularly towards comrade DUESTERBERG, the Bund executive committee has refused your re-election. Your assumption of totalitarian leadership rights over the Stahlhelm is therefore a revolutionary act against the Stahlhelm.

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Since you, Herr Minister, relying on the power of thegovernment to which you belong, not on any right, have declared with refreshing clearness "But I shall not tolerate any second Stahlhelm, there is only the one Stahlhelm Association of Front Line Fighters, founded by me, which I led with so much love for 14 years, child of my spirit and of my nature", there remain only 2 possibities:

Either you stand by your revolutionary act despite yuor simultanious joining up with the N. S. D. A. P. and thereby yourself destroy the Stahlhelm Association of Front Line Fighters, even should an Important number of our comrades nearly followyou on the road yo are taking.

Or you set the love of the Association of Front Line Soldiers you yourself created higher than your love of self, limit your activity to that of Minister of Labour, supported by your true friendship with Hitler, retire voluntaeily from the position of Leader of the Stahlhelm which no more belongs to you thereby resolving the problem of the irre concilability of membership of the N.S.D.A.P. with the leadership of the Stahlhelm Association of Front Line Soldiers. you would then leave it to the Bund executive commitee appointed according to the Status of the Bund, to select the most suitable leader among the comrades remaining faithful, such as the tried and true former Stahlhelm leaders faithlessly abandoned by you, DUESTERBERG von FRETZDORF, von EULENBURG, RITTER von Lenz, von HENNLING auf Schoenhoff etc., in accordance with the Stahlhelm conception of fidelity to their own elected leader.

Faithfully

WALRAUM,
District Leader of the District Goettingen
Land andHonorrary member of
the Provincial Association Hannover
of the Stahlhelm Association of
Front Line Soldiers.

I certify that this document is a word true
copy of a printed circular in my possession.

nuremberg, 21 May 1946.

(signed) KLEFISCH
Attorney at Law.

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From:

"Documents of German Policy, Vol. 1,
The National-Socialist Revolution 1933,
Arranged by Dr. Axel FRIEDRICHS."
No. 28, page 57:

Placing of the Stahlhelm under direct Nazi Control. 21.6.1933. [1]

To ensure the striking power of the National-Socialist Revolution the Stahlhelm, the League of front line soldiers, is incorporated in the National-Socialist movement in the following manner:

a) The Kernstahlhelm remains, as before, under the leadership of the League leader.

b) The League leader forbids from now on to members of the Kernstahlhelm to belong to any party except the NSDAP.

c) The leader of the NSDAP, Adolf HITLER, gives free membership of the NSDAP to the Stahlhelm.

d) The Jungstahlhelm takes rank next to the SA and SS and is placed under the supreme SA leader.
The "Scharnhorst" is incorporated in the Hitler Youth.

e) The Jungstahlhelm leader von MOROZOWICS enters the staff of the supreme SA leader.

1)
VB. 22.6.1933.
Communicated by the Reichspress office of the NSDAP.
The text was agreed upon during a conversation between HITLER, SELDTE and von PAPEN.

I hereby confirm that this document is a word for word copy from the above mentioned book.

Nuernberg, 25 May 1946. s/ KLEEISCH
Attorney-at-Law.

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Der Stahlhelm
Union of Veterans
The Union Leader

I.V. Lower Saxony
Tgb - No 9832/33
Entry 6.7.1933
forward to district
Rotenburg

Berlin NW 7, 4 July 1933
Mittelstrasse 15

Order of the Union.

I herewith publish the order of the Fuehrer ADOLF HITLER for the incorporation of the Stahlhelm into the National Socialist Movement.

Order:

Under the Chairmanship of the Chief of Staff of the SA a meeting of high-ranking SA and SS leaders, to which union leader SELDTE together with numerous high-ranking Stahlhelm leaders had been invited, took place in Bad Reichenhall from July 1 - 3.

The meeting which gave the leaders fighting on one front the opportunity of becoming mutually acquainted, was carried by a sincere companionable spirit.

The mutual aim and the personal solidarity of the newly established soldiers front insure a lasting fighting community.

In agreement with Union Leader SELDTE I, therefore, decree:

The entire Stahlhelm will be placed under the command of the Supreme SA Leadership and will be organized according to their directives.

By order of the Supreme SA Leadership the Junior Stahlhelm and the Sport Units will be newly organized by the Stahlhelm-offices in conformity with the organisations of the SA.

This re-organisation has to be terminated at a time later the decided upon by the Supreme Leadership.

The Union Leader issues the necessary orders for the remaining parts of the Stahlhelm.

As a sign of the close union of the Stahlhelm with the National Socialist movement these parts of the Stahlhelm are to wear a fieldgrey armlet with black swastika on white ground.

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(Line 1 - line 25, incl.:)

I confer upon the Junior Stahlhelm and to the Sports Units, as parts of my SA, the latter's armlet and the sovereign isignia to be worn on the cap between the cockades.

The Chief of Staff will issue the executive directives.

ADOLF HITLER.

1.) On behalf of the Stahlhelm I have conveyed my heartiest thanks to the Fuehrer Adolf HITLER for the confidence expressed by his order which bears the spirit of a generous comradeship and lasting fighting community. I expect, therefore, that every Stahlhelm comrade will do his duty with the usual loyalty and discipline of a soldier.

2.) The closed nature of the Union remains untouched. The Union uniform remains fieldgrey. The necessary organizational changes will only be made by the Stahlhelm Offices. The appointed day for the putting on of the armlets will be ordered by me. An adequate transitatory period for the re-organization will be arranged.

3.) For the execution of the above-mentioned order I refer expressly to the order of 27.6. 33 Ch. No.1314/33 by the Chief of Staff ROEHM (circular order No.178 of B.A. of 28.6.) and of 23.6.1933 by the Prussian Prime Minister GOERING, according to which all offices of the party, of the SA and SS are prohibited to interfere with the Stahlhelm leadership or to demand organizational changes.

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(Line 11 - line 18, incl.:)

6.) The Reich Chancellor Adolf HITLER promised to speak to the Stahlhelm Leaders including Local Group Leaders in the Sport Palace in the middle of next week.

The Union Leader

s/ FRANZ SELDTE.

Found correct

For the Union Captain

The Chief of Staff

Deputy

s/ ASSENDORF

Dispatcher:

To the organizations of the

Provinces and to the districts.

I certify that this copy is a true excerpt of the original before me.

Nuernberg, 7.6.1946.

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law.

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Defense Exhibit No. 8

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Copy

The Stahlhelm

Berlin NW.7, 8 July 1933

Association of Front-line Soldiers
The Corporative Leader.

Corporative Ordinance

for the reorganization of the Stahlhelm Association of Front-line Soldiers.

A. Division Order.

1. In execution of the Fuehrer Adolf HITLER's order and in accordance with the agreements concluded with Chief of Staff ROEHM, I hereby divide the Association into:

Military Stahlhelm (Wehrsta) and

Stahlhelm (Sta).

To the Wehrsta belong the young Stahlhelm and all those comrades fit for service up to and including 35 years of age as well as the leaders and staffs of the military sport formation.

All other comrades go to the Sta.

2. I place the leadership of the Wehrsta in the hands of the Reichsjungstahlhelmfuehrer and member of the Staff of the supreme SA commandment, comrade v. MOROZOWICZ. It is his duty to reorganize the Wehrsta and to incorporate it into the SA. In this respect, he acts on the order of the supreme SA commandment.

3. At this request I relieve comrade v. MOROZOWICZ of his duties as Corporative Plenipotentiary and transfer the office to Corporative Captain comrade v. STEPHANI.

In consequence thereof the Corporative Chief of Press comes under the orders of the Corporative Captain.

4. I appoint the Corporative Captain, comrade v. STEPHANI as my deputy for the Sta and give him power to issue all orders for the reorganization of the Sta in my name.

Particularly important questions are to be submitted to me for decision.

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5. This ordinance is effective as of today. The reorganization must be completed by 1 February 1934 at the latest. In the interim, Corporative Captain and comrade v. MOROZOWICZ shall act in mutual accord.

6. As a sign of my future closer relationship to our young comrades I accept with joyful thanks the honorary leadership conferred upon me over those units of the Wehrsta to be incorporated in the SA.

The Corporative Leader

s/ FRANZ SELDTE.

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The Reich-Jungste-Leader. Berlin, 18 July 1933.

C. Organizational order to the Wehrstahlhelm

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3. The Wehrsta shall wear on the left arm of their field-grey corporative uniform the combat sash (red) conferred by the Fuehrer and the rank insignia on their cap between the cocards.

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6. The following stipulation are made valid for the reorganization: Within the framework of the SA groups, the military sport units shall, after the departure of those comrades who have gone over to the Stahlhelm, be divided into "Standarten".

.....

9. The deputies to the Groups shall report by 1-10-1933 on the exact strength and organization of the companies newly created by the LV. leaders and submit to me, in agreement with the latter, eligible leaders down to the rank of Sturmfuehrer, whose nomination I reserve for myself. Copy of such report is to be sent to the deputies to the Senior Groups.

.....

15. Liaison with the Sta. remains with chiefs of liaison for the senior Wehrsta units and it is thus ensured that adherents of the Wehrsta will remain members of their local groups and pay to the latter their membership fees to date. The Wehrsta can be called upon to appear once a month for the general roll-call. Commanders of all ranks must make allowance for this in assigning duty. At roll-calls and off duty, local group commanders have in respect to members of the Wehrsta the authority of a senior garrison officer. They shall however, refrain from interference with the service of the Wehrsta.

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16. Occasional participation of the Wehrsta to the rallis of the Sta. is desired and remains subject to the agreement of the headquarters concerned. The Sta. is likewise to be invited to take part in the major exercises of the Wehrsta.

The Reichs-Jungst-Leader

s/ v. MOROZOWICZ

I certify that the above copy is a literally reproduced extract from an original ordinance before me dated 19 July 1933.

s/ THEODOR KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law.

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Der Oberste SA Fuehrer
(The Highest SA Leader)

Muenchen, 2 August 1933

No. 45 Briennerstrasse

Subject: Incorporation of the Wehrstahlhelme

In accordance with my decree Ch.No. 1416 of 29 July 1933, a copy of which was distributed to all the Groups, and as a result of discussions and agreements between the Leaders of SA Upper Groups and Groups on one hand, and the Deputy of the Wehrstahlhelm on the other hand, I hereby decree that:

1) Incorporation of the Wehrstahlhelm units into SA Group formations must henceforth be carried out with all expediency. Incorporation as SA regiments (Standarten) or SA units (Sturmbanne) will be determined by conditions deriving from locality and strength.

The Chief of Staff

(s/ROEHM

F.d.R. (for the correctness)

v.MOROZOWICZ

Gruppenfuehrer (Group-Leader)

This is to certify that this document is word for word a copy of an extract of the original which I have before me.

Nuernberg, 13 July 1946

s/ THEODOR KLEFISCH

THEODOR KLEFISCH
Attorney-at-Law

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(Line 1 to 5, incl.)

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Wesel, 11 August 1933

SA der NSDAP (SA of NSDAP)

The Leader of the Lower Rhine Group

Order No. 40, for Groups

(Line 16 to 22, incl.)

5.) Referring to the decree of the Highest SA Leader Ch No.1433/33 of 2 August 1933, I reguire that leaders amd men of the Stahlhelm be considered fellow-combatants of full right and worth and that they received accordingly. Infractions of the above-named authority of the Highes SA Leader and the duty of fellowship which it implies will be severely punished by me, regardless of who may be affected.

(Line 27 to end of document)

F.D.R.(for the correctness)
Stabsfuehrer
(Staff Leader) of Lower Rhine Group

s/ KERSKEN

Standartenfuehrer (SS Colonel)

The Leader the
Lower Rhine Group
m.d.F.b. (Acting Leader of Group)

s/ KNICKMANN
Brigadefuehrer
(SS Brigadier General)

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This is to certify that this document

is a literal copy of a circularized letter, copy of which is in my possession.

Nuernberg, 3 July 1946

s/ KLEFISCH

THEODOR KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law

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C o p y.

"Koelnische Zeitung" No. 531 of 29 September 1933.

The Incoporation of the Stahlhelm.

Berlin, 28 September 1933

"Complete incorporation of the former Wehrstahlhelm must be finished by 31 October 1933. As of 1 November there will be no more separate designation or separate treatment. The units incorporated into the SA will be SA-units having the same duties and rights. The former Kern-stahlhelm, henceforth called only Stahlhelm, will be a formation of its own, with its own units existing alongside of SA and SS".

I hereby certify that this document is word for word a true copy of an announcement which appeared in the newspaper "Koelnische Zeitung" No. 531, of 29 September 1933.

Nuernberg, 20 July 1946. s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law

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Defense Exhibit No. 13

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COPY

The Supreme SA-Leader — Munich, 6 November 1933.

Ch. No.1634/33

Subject: Organization of the SA as a whole.

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I. The increasing growth of the SA, the subordination of the Stahlhelm and other associations requires a subdivision into the SA, proper, or active, into the SA-Reserve I, and the SA-Reserve II.

II. The active SA is composed of SA and SS from 18th year of age to the completed 35th year inclusive.

The SA-Reserve I includes men from 36 to the completed 45th year, in the first place those Stahlhelm remaining in the active SA after the incorporation of the Wehrstahlhelm. In how far the men, who according to age belonged to SA-Rserve I of the previous SA-Reserve units and of the active SA should be transferred into the SA-Reserve I, is reserved for a later regulation. In any case an ordered transfer of these men into the SA-Reserve is not to be carried out now.

All remaining men who have complete their 45th year, form the SA-Reserve II. In it are included men belonging to all Associations, who are under the command of the Supreme SA-Leadership, as the Kyffhaeusserbund, the Officers and Regimental Associations, the Waffenringe, the Naval and Colonial Associations and so on, in so far as they are not already incorporated in the active SA or in the SA-Reserve I. Whether the younger members of these Associations who according to age are in the SA-Reserve I or in the active SA, will be transferred to the both mentioned formation will be regulated later.

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The Chief of the Staff:
ROEHM

I hereby certify that the above copy is an exact copy of an excerpt from the original in my possession.
Nuernberg, 12 July 1946

s/ THEODOR WUPFISCH
Attorney-at-Law

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The supreme SA-leader Munich, 6 November 1933

Concerns: Executive directives
to Ch./No. 1634/33

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1. Effective 1 November 1933 the SA-reserve I and SA reserve II are to be set up as organizations directly under the supreme SA leadership.

2. The SA-reserve I shall in the future comprise the men of 36 to 45, the SA-reserve II those over 45 years (to the end of their physical fitness). In the first place the bearers of the organization are:

SA-reserve I - The Stahlhelm,

SA-reserve II - Kyffhaeuser union, Regiments associations, Arms unions etc.

While, however, in the main the closed formations of the Stahlhelm, as far as they are fit for sport and march, entire in the SA-reserve I. in SA-reserve II only the members of the above-named unions and associ ions are admitted, who report for service at SA-reserve II.

The Chief of Staff

s/ ROEHM.

I certify, that this document is a word for word copy of an extract of the original in my possession.

Nuernberg, 12 July 1946

s/ KLEFISCH

THEODOR KLEFISCH
Attorney-at-Law
Lawyer.

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Copy

from the paper "The Steel Helmet", No. 49 of 3 December 1933.

The New Structure of the Steel Helmet Organization.

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(Line 23 - line 41, incl.)

All other men who have reached the age of 45 form the SA-Reserves II. It comprises the members of all formations that put themselves under the command of the Supreme SA-Leadership .....

Military positions and ranks.

The leadership of the SA-Reserves I has been entrusted to the Steel Helmet Federal Leader as Supreme Provincial Leader (Oberlandesfuehrer). The Supreme Provincial Leader has the military rank of a SA-Lt.General (SA-Obergruppenfuehrer The Chief Provincial Leaders (military rank of a SA-Major-General (SA-Gruppenfue the Provincial Leaders (military rank of a SA-Brigadier-General (SA-Brigadefue and the District Leaders (military rank of a SA-Chief Colonel (SA-Oberfuehrer) under his command. The further military ranks correspond to the military ranks of the SA; thus SA-Colonel (Standartenfuehrer), SA-Lieutenant-Colonel (Obersturm bannfuehrer), SA-Major (Sturmbannfuehrer), SA-Captain (Sturmhauptfuehrer), SA- I Lieutenant (Obersturmfuehrer), SA-Lieutenant (Sturmfuehrer), Obertruppfuehrer, Truppfuehrer, SA-I.Sergeant (Oberscharfuehrer), SA-Sergeant (Scharfuehrer), SA-Corporal (Rottenfuehrer), SA-Private I.cl. (Sturmmann), SA-Reserve private (SA-Reservemann), SA-Reserve grenadier (SA-Reserve Anwaerter).

The Supreme Provincial Leader of the SA-Reserves I is directly under the command of the Chief of Staff. The Supreme Provincial Leaders as well as the Chief Provincial Leaders, Provincial Leaders, District Leaders and SA-Colonels (Standartenfuehrer) are appointed and promoted by the Supreme SA-Fuehrer or

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by the Chief of Staff. All other Fuehrers including the SA-Major (Sturmbannfuehrer are appointed and promoted by the Supreme Provincial Leader of the SA-Reserves I.

The assistants to higher leaders from District Leaders upwards are appointed by the Supreme SA-Fuehrer at the suggestion of the Supreme Provincial Leader .....

I certify that this document is a true copy of a publication in the paper "The Steel Helmet", No. 49 of 3 December 1933.

Nuernberg, 29 June 1946.

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law.

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The Supreme SA - Leader

CH. No. 569/34

Concerns: SA - Reserve I.

Munich, 25 January 19 illegible

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As responsible Chief of staff of the SA, I am issuing the following decrees for the SAR I:

.....

3. The entire SAR I is to be included within the sphere of the group and is to be subordinated to the orders of the SA group leaders. of the former higher provincial leaders and provincial leaders of the SA 20 are first of all to be commissioned with the leadership of the SAR I within the sphere of the group, the remainder to be distributed in corresponding positions with the SAR I or SA. Orders will follow concerning the final filling of positions. Insofar as it has been decreed by the supreme SA - leader it will be at the disposal of the SA groups. Suggestions by the groups through channels up to the 20 February 34.

.....

I shall leave to the groups the time for transportation of those SAR units who are a part of the active SA.

The Chief of Staff

ROHM

I certify that this document is a true copy of an excerpt from the original in my pocession.

NUERNBERG, 12 July 1946.

S/ KLEFISCH

THEODOR KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law.

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"Koelnische Zeitung" of 27 January 1934.

Analgamation of Stahlhelm and SA.

Munich, 27 January 1934.

The Supreme SA-Leadership announces in the "Voelkischer Beobachter" that the Kernstahlhelm which until now has been in the SA Reserve I and still existing, will be completely analgamated with the SA and placed under the command of the SA-Gruppenfuehrer in whose department the units of the SA-Reserve I are placed. Hand in hand with these organizational measures the former Kernstahlhelm shall discard the field-grey uniform. All units of the SA will in the future wear the braun uniform of honor.

I hereby certify that the above copy agrees with the publication of the newspaper "Koelnische Zeitung" of 27 January 1934.

Nuernberg, 20 June 1946

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law

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SAR I of NSDAP

R.-Brigade Lower Rhine - North
R.-Brigade Lower Rhine - South

Muelheim/Ruhr and
Cologne/Rhine 2 March 1934.

Comrades!

By order of the Highest SA-Leader, the entire Kernstahlhelm i.e. men up to 45 years of age has been incorporated in the SA. It is the Fuehrer's order that SAR II be formed of men who are older than 45 years. It is explicitly mentioned in the decree of 25 January of the Highest SA Leadership that until this formation has been organized, men over 45 years of age can also be tentatively added to the SAR I in the form of "Sturmbann" and "Sturm" units.

Following discussions with the leaders, who unanimously welcomed this solution the present provincial leader (Landesfuehrer) has ordered the transfer of the entire Stahlhelm formation of the Lower Rhine region into SAR I.

The Leader
of the two SAR Brigades
in the region of SA Group Lower Rhine
Niederhoff
GRAF BEISSEL (Clemens)

This is to certify that the above copy is a literal extract of the original order which I have before me.

s/ KLEFISCH
THEODOR KLEFISCH
Attorney-at-Law

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Copy.

"Koelnische Zeitung" No. 161 dated 29 March 1934.

Regrouping of the Stahlhelm.

Berlin, 28 March 1934.

In virtue of an agreement between the Chief of Staff of the SA and the Bundesfuehrer of the Stahlhelm, the Stahlhelm, the association of front-line soldiers has gone over to the National Socialist German Front-Line bombatants association (Stahlhelm).

I certify that this text is the literal reproduction quoted from a report in the newspaper "Koelnische Zeitung" No. 161 dated 29 March 1934.

Nuernberg, 20 June 1946.

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law.

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"Koelnische Zeitung" (Cologne Newspaper) No. 210, of 26 April 1934.

SA-Reserve I and NS Frontkaempferbund (Veterans' Association)

Berlin, 25 April 1934.

The Press Bureau of the Supreme SA Leadership announces: "Misunderstandings have arisen in certain sections of the country as to the question of membership in the NS Veterans' Association and the SA-Reserve I. The following is therefore established: Members of the former Stahlhelmbund (Members of the Steelhelmet Union) who were already transferred into SA-Reserve I, cannot of their own volition sever their connection with SA-Reserve, I for the sole purpose of joining other associations. One who, because of a physical defect, cannot discharge his duties or who for other reasons wishes to leave SA-Reserve I, must make an application for his withdrawal, stating the reasons for his request. Dual membership in the SA-Reserve I and in the NS Veterans' Association is permitted provided the individual joined the former Stahlhelm before 30 January 1933. For persons who joined at a later date, consent from the Supreme SA Leadership is indispensable.

This is to certify that this document is word for word a copy of an announcement which appeared in the newspaper "Koelnische Zeitung", No. 210, of 25 April 1934.

Nuernberg, 20 July 1946 s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law

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(Line 1 - line 11, incl.:)

Copy.

SA of the NSDAP
Storm Unit 32/R. 16

Refrath. 5 May 1934
Kierspelstr. 3
Telephone Bernsberg 359

To:

Herr Jos..... (illegible)

Subsequent to the incorporation of the former Stahlhelm (League of Frontline Soldiers) in the SA R.1, you are as from today under the orders of Storm Unit 32/R. 16

Your personal papers have been transmitted here by the former Stahlhelm formation.

(Line 24 - line 35, incl.:)

All Storm troopers must participate in the service. Anyone seriously prevented must file a written application for discharge to the Storm Units Office by Wednesday, 9-5-34, 12 noon at the latest, stating reasons. Absence without proper justification will be considered as lack of interest and involves exclusion from the SA R. 1.

The Commander of Storm Unit 32/R.16

m.d. F.b.:

signed: FLOCKE

Senior Troop Commander.
(Obertruppfuehrer)

Copy delivered to

"Standart" Commanders.

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I certify that this is the literal copy of a circular in my possession.

Nuernberg, 3 July 1946

s/ KLEFISCH

THEODOR KLEFISCH

Attorney -at - Law.

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From

"Documents of German Politics" ("Dokumente der deutschen Politik")
Vol. III.

No. 6 Page 30:

Dissolution of the Stahlhelm.

a) Fuehrer's letter to Bundesfuehrer of the NSDFB (Stahlhelm) SELDTE dated 7.11.1935.

"As from today, the reorganization of the German Armed Forces ..... has been crowned by the first class of recruits taking the oath to the Third Reich. The German Wehrmacht is thereby again and for all time the bearer of German arms and the guardian of their tradition. The party is the formative will and expression of the political power. Under these circumstances, I consider the necessity for the continued existence of the Stahlhelm as no longer existent. ....."

s/ ADOLF HITLER.

b) Letter of Bundesfuehrer of the NSDFB (Stahlhelm) SELDTE to the Fuehrer, dated 7 November 1933.

"..... I hereby report to you, my Fuehrer, that I have ordered the dissolution of the National Socialist German Front Combat Association (Stahlhelm). ....."

s/ FRANZ SELDTE.

I certify hereby that this text is a literal copy from the book cited above.

Nuernberg, 25 May 1946.

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law

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(Line 1 - line 9 incl.:)

Stahlhelm Handbook

published by

Heinrich Hildebrandt and Walter Kettner.

4. improved edition (1931)

Page 75.

2. Statutes of the Stahlhelm, Association of Front Line Soldiers, Registered Association, in the version conformable to the decision of the meeting of the members of 22.March 1930

Line 22 to line 38 incl.

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h) In the struggle against the enslavement of the German people, the national opposition on 12.9.1929 issued the following draft of a bill representing the desire of the German people.

Par. 2.

The Reich Cabinet must bring it about that the acknowledgement of war guilt of article 231 and also of articles 429 and 430 of the Treaty of Versailles will formally be made invalid.

Page 17.

"The Stahlhelm knows war and therefore desires peace. Only will and strength for defence preserve the true peace. The terrible poison gas disaster of Hamburg shows what in a future war will be in store for our people, kept in a defenceless condition. Only equality of rights in the defence strength of all nations secures peace."

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(Line 28 - line 44 incl:)

Directions of Bundesfuehrer Seldte

of 2.11.1926:

Every military exercise is prohibited, also such exercises which, in details of plan and execution (designation of parties, representation of warlike incidents, discussions on the outcome in the form of military criticism etc.) approximate to the form of military exercises. The Stahlhelm activity in all its forms requires in no case such approximation to military models.

I shall punish every offence against this order. I make the leaders of all ranks particularly responsible for its observation within their spheres. I shall unrelentingly take severe measures against every leader, and, should the opportunity arise, remove from his post as leader he who contributes, be it only out of carelessness, to the occurrence of offences against this order.

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(Line 4 to line 9 incl.:)

I hereby certify that the above copy agrees with the original from the Stahlhelm Handbook.

Nuernberg, 25 May 1946

S/ KLEFISCH

Attorney - at - Law

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From a German Newspaper

May 1934

Franz Seldte on Roehm's Decree

SA and NSDFB (SA and National Socialist Veteran's Association)

Subsequent examination by a Special Delegate

Special News Service of Bremer Nachrichten (Bremen News)

-K, Berlin, 15 May

Stabschefs (Chief of Staff's) Roehm decree of yesterday on "SA and National Socialist Veterans' Association (Stahlhelm - Steelhelmet)" with regard to the attitude of several members of the National Socialist Veterans' Association is followed today by an announcement made by a deputy of Franz Seldte, the Bundesfuehrer (Federal Leader) of the National Socialist Veterans' Association and Reich Labor Minister which says: With reference to the decree of Stabschef Roehm on the SA and National Socialist German Veterans' Association (Stahlhelm - Steelhelmet), the Federal Leadership of NSDFB (Stahlhelm) declares that the Supreme SA Leadership has been asked to make the material available on which the decree is based. After receipt of the documents a special delegate will be appointed at once whose task it will be to investigate the complaints made. Should the investigation disclose that individual cases have actually occurred in which - contrary to explicit instructions issued by the Federal Leadership - attempts were made to discourage members of NSDFB (National Socialist Veterans' Association) from joining SA-Reserve I, or to induce those of them who had already become SA men to sever their connection, severe measures will be taken against the guilty person because such conduct which violates the discipline and reflects a lack of comradeship is a breach of the fundamental principles of NSDFB (National Socialist Veterans' Association) as they were once more set forth - as a directive for every member of the Bund - in the Bunderfuehrer's speech of 6 May in Magdeburg.

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This is to certify that this document is a word for word copy of the newspaper report which I have before me and which, as set forth in a declaration made in lieu of oath by Charles Diggins, a British Officer in Bremen, was clipped by him from a May 1934 issue of a German newspaper.

Nurnberg, 30 June 1946

(s) Klefisch

Attorney-at-Law

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From a German Newspaper
May, 1934

SA and National Socialist Veterans' Association (Stahlhelm - Steelhelmet)

A decree by the Stabschef (chief of staff)

DNB (Deutsches Nachrichtenbureau, German News Service Bureau), Berlin, 14 May.

The Press Bureau of the Supreme SA Ledership advises: From various regional groups complaints were sent to the SA Leadership that the NSDFB organization is not in keeping with the intent and letter of its original constitution. I is claimed that attemps were made to discourage NSDFB men from joining SA-R.I (SA Reserve I) and to induce those who already had become SA men to withdraw. I has been frequently claimed that NSDFB is the only association which has the right to include front combatants and represent their aims.

As a result, Stabschef Roehm issued a decree which takes issue with these methods. Notwithstanding the NSDFB's (Stahlhelm) unfriendly attitude, the Stabschef will restrain the SA units from taking action against NSDFB in individual cases. He explicitly points out, however, that hundreds of thousands of veterans joined SA because they thought the SA best incorporates and represents, on a State level, the will of the front combatants and the spiritual heritage of the trench soldiers, Yet, men who could be persuaded not to join the SA-R. I or to withdraw from it are of no use to the SA. The wish to withdraw. In that case it should be seen to it that they will never again be readmitted to S.A. . . . . .

This is to certify that this document is word for word a copy of a newspaper article which I have before me and which, according to a declaration executed under oath by a British Officer, Charles Diggings, of Bremen, was clipped from a May 1934 issue of a German newspaper.

Nuernberg, 30 June 1946

(s) KLEFISCH
Attorney-at-Law

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From a German Newspaper
Spring 1935

Incidents of our time.

On the question whether exclusion from the SA is ground for cancellation of a working agreement, the Provincial Labor Court at Bielefeld ruled in the case of a government employee, that the authorities could not be expected to continue employing the person who had been excluded. In view of the opinion which today prevails concerning the unity of the movement and the State, it should not be expected that a person who was rightly excluded from the combatant troop of the Party could continue to remain an employee of a municipolity. Nevertheless, facts which led to exclusion from the SA should be appraised independently by the Court (verdict of 3 April 35 - 3 Sa. 8/35).

This is to certify that the above document is word for word a copy of a newspaper article which I have before me and which, according to a declaration made in lieu of oath by Charles Diggins, a British Officer of Bremen, was clipped from a German Newspaper which appeared in the spring of 1935.

Nuernberg, 30 June 1946

(s) Klefisch

Attorney-at-Law.

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From a German Newspaper of March 1933.

Warning of the Pfalz-Commissioner
against Counter-Revolutionary Attempts.

GNB Munich, 29 March.

The "Voelkische Beobachter" publishes the following proclamation of the National-Socialist Pfalz District Leader (Gauleiter) BUERCKEL: The "Pfaelzische Rundschau" published a notice, according to which in the district of Zweibruecken the increase in membership of the Stahlhelm from the German Communist Party and the German Socialist Party was so great, that the procurement of uniforms has caused difficulties. It has been reported to us from a reliable source that the German Communist Party and the German Socialist Party have issued the general order to join the Stahlhelm. We do not believe that the Marxists are joining the Stahlhelm out of love of militarism, or because they believe that Socialism is an illusion which must be destroyed. It is also reported that certain circles have stated that they were the only obstacle against "Fascism". German Socialist Party- and German Communist Party-people consider these organizations to a certain extent- according to what we have been told - a camouflaged "anti-Fascist movement". Comrades of the SA and the SS! Something is going on here, which perhaps will force us to take the most extreme measures. Open your eyes! There is no backing-out. Long live the National-Socialist revolution of Germany. The Pfalz Commissioner must take action, because sabotage is being carried out here. With reference to the confirmation through similar incidents in Brunswick, the SA and the SS are directed to nip all attempts of a counter-revolution in the bud.

Acting for the Pfalz-Commissioner: (signed) BUERCKEL

I certify that this document is a true copy of a publication in a German newspaper of the year 1933.

s/ KLEFISCH

Nuernberg, 5 July 1946

t/ THEODOR KLEFISCH
Attorney-at-Law.

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"Wiener Tag" of 29 March 1933

The Stahlhelm in Brunswick is dissolved.

1350 men arrested and interned.

Berlin, 28 March 1933 (T.)

Dissolution of the Stahlhelm in the state of Brunswick is bound to lead to an estrangement between the German-Nationals and the National-Socialists which might imperil the present government coalition. .....

1350 arrested and 21 injured.

The Brunswick Minister of the Interior KLAGGE considered yesterday that the moment had now come to intervene energetically. This was done by the encircle ment and dislocation of the Stahlhelm headquarters in Brunswick in the local "Krankenkasse" building. 1350 persons were arrested in the operation, out of whom 1150 were found to be Marxists. The operation undoubtedly involved severe clashes, for 21 persons were reported injured.

The Brunswick Stahlhelm was dissolved that very night by Minister of the Interior KLAGGES. Arrests were also made in the outskirts of Brunswick and other localities in the province of Brunswick.

All Stahlhelm leaders arrested.

The political "Referent" of the Provincial Association of the Stahlhelm KREMPEL was also taken into custody early this morning. In political detention with him are now every one of the Stahlhelm leaders with the exception of the Stahlhelm officer WINTER who had left for Berlin during the night.

Arrival of an Investigation Commission from Berlin.

Brunswick, 28 March.

The special Government plane with Minister SELDTE and two Reich commissars has arrived from Berlin. The members of the Investigation Commission were met by the Commander of the Brunswick Police, Lt.Col.SELLE and proceeded at once to the Government building by car.

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This is no plot against the Government - says the commandment of the Stahlhelm. In respect to the announcement of the dissolution of the Stahlhelm in Brunswick, the Stahlhelm corporative headquarter states that no private reception of led associations in the Brunswick Stahlhelm has taken place. It is stated that the Association had prohibited reception of private associations weeks before.

I certify that this text is a literal reproduction from a publication by the newspaper "Der Wiener Tag" 542 dated 29.3.1933.

Nuernberg, 20 June 1946

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law.

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S.A.
of the N.S.D.A.P.
Sturmbann IV/61 Kurt KRETH

Pollnow District Koeslin
Telephone 201
15 April 1933.

Letter book No. 441/33
Reference: Dep. I.a
Subject: Reaction
Previous correspondence:

To the

Untergruppe Pommerania East

Koeslin.

Recapitulation of my long-distance call of Thursday evening.

Sturmfuehrer Papenfuss-Peest informs me by letter that the SA member von Seebeck, the son of the Stahlhelmfuehrer, has advised him that last week he saw by chance in the Stolper Office of his father, a deployment plan of the Stahlhelm against the S.A.

Of the particulars which he remembers are to be emphasized: barring of the Gollen by Stahlhelm out-flanking from there of the East Pommeranian S.A. Establishment of prominent S.A. leaders, chiefly of the Standartenfuehrer Heydebreck in Rummelsburg.

As I know Seebeck (the S.A. member) I consider a mistake out of question.

I am holding 2 shock troop units ready to march to Kusserow and Pustamin.

The Leader of the Sturmbann IV/61

signature illegible

Sturmbannfuehrer

I hereby certify that this document is an exact copy of the original before me.

Nuernberg, 21 May 1946

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law.

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"Koelnische Zeitung" No. 331 of 21 June 33.

Stahlhelm in Rhineland dissolved,

Reorganized as non-political military unit.

Coblence, 21 June 33.

"The purpose of these measures now uniform throughout the whole province is to cleanse the Stahlhelm of all Marxist and other elements hostile to the State, which have in recent times, forced their way into the organization, and to maintain the valuable old forces of the Bund as a non-political military unit for the real tasks of the Stahlhel after they have been liberated from their bad political leadership."

I certify that this document is a true copy of an article appearing in the "Koelnische Zeitung", No. 331, of 21 June 33.

Nuernberg, 20 June 46.

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law.

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(Line 1 - line 18 incl.:)

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Warning!

For months I have received continuous reports and memoranda from all parts of Gau Magdeburg-Anhalt from which I gather that in numerous places of the subdivisions of the NSDFB (Stahlhelm) there have been attempts to dissolve the SA and thus to contribute to unrest within the Party, which is the sole and single political executive organ of the State. I am convinced that the higher leaders of the NSDAP do not desire such activity but are apparently in no position to curb it. As Gauleiter, I am, in my sphere, the responsible official of the Fuehrer and I am not willing to witness this mischievous activity any longer. Before I proceed to take decisive and concrete steps against certain elements, I should like once more to give public warning. In particular, I feel impelled to correct subsequently specific assertions and dispel rumours:

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(Line 7 - line 19, incl.:)

The Party and with it the SA have gained control of the Third Reich. It alone and no other is the political guarantor of our State. Whoever attacks the Party or any of its divisions attacks the State. He who attacks the State will be subjected to the power of the State.

LOEPER

Gauleiter and Reichsstatthalter.

I certify that this document is a true copy of a placard size 61 by 43 cm.

Nuernberg, 21 May 1946.

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law

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Copy

From the newspaper "Volksgemeinschaft"

Heidelberg, 8 June 1935.

Necessary Clarifications:

Gauleiter Robert WAGNER settles Accounts!

Karlsruhe, 7 June (own report).

Before the party members of the city of Karlsruhe, assembled in the two largest rooms, Gauleiter Robert WAGNER delivered a crushing blow to both the overt and disguised opponents of the National Socialistic ideology.

.....

After this warning to religious agitators, the Gauleiter spoke of the shameless activities of certain reactionary cliques in the NSFB.
"I hope, he said literally, that this warning to those cliques will suffice once for all!

If not, I am determined to make use of the means at my disposal to such an extent that every kind of activity hostile to the State will stop once for all!"
I would consider it an insult to my party to assume that party members have anything to do with such circles. I do not, however, assume myself that the civil service class is conspiring with such circles for that would also be an insult to the civil service class.
Although I have felt compelled to take the Stahlhelm Provincial Commander into custody so that he will not cause any further harm, I hope it will remain an isolated measure which has been painful enough to me.

I certify that this copy is a textual reproduction from an article from the "Volksgemeinschaft" before me dated 8 June 1935.

Nuernberg, 30 June 1946.

s/ Theodore KLEFISCH

signed Theodore KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law.

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COPY.

"Westdeutscher Beobachter" No. 319 of 14 July 1935.

Karlsruhe, 13 July.

As we reported recently, the Provincial Leader of the Stahlhelm in Baden, Dr. WENZL, has been taken into protective custody because of activities hostile to the State.....

I certify that this document is a true copy of a publication in the newspaper "Westdeutscher Beobachter" No. 319 of 14 July 1935.

Nuernberg, 29 June 1946.

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law

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"Westdeutscher Beobachter" 325 of 17.7.1935.

Local groups of Stahlhelm dissolved.

Dessau, 17 July.

The Reich Regent in Braunschweig and Anhalt,Loeper, has ordered the immediate dissolution of all Local Groups of the Stahlhelm in the Dessau and Koepon districts because of opposition to measures ordered by him.

I hereby certify that the above agrees with the excerpt from/of the a publication newspaper "Westdeutscher Beobachter" 325 of 17.7.1935.

Nuernberg, 20 June 1946.

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law

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"WESTDEUTSCHER BEOBACHTER" 330 of 20 July 1935.

Stahlhelm in Selisia dissolved.

Breslau 20 July

The office of the state police of the administrative district, as administrative office for Selisia reports: "On the basis of paragraph I of the Reichpresident's decree of 28 February 1933 for the protection of the State and people, the National Socialist German Frontfighterccrps (Stahlhelm) in all its branches within the sphere of the administrative district of Breslau, Liegnitz and Oppeln is to be immediately dissolved by order of the Secret Statepolice of 19 July 1935. The assets of the dissolved branches are to be confiscated.

I certify that this document is a true copy of a publication of the newspaper "WESTDEUTSCHER BEOBACHTER".

Nuernberg, 20 June 1946

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law.

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"Westdeutscher Beobachter" 330 of 20.7.1935.

Stahlhelm Leaders in Protective Custody.

Prohibition of meetings for NSDFB in Thuringia.

Weimar, 20.7.

The Thuringian Minister of the Interior announces: "On the basis of various actions and measures which are directed against the authority of the State and because of the spreading of false statements calculated to discredit the attitude of the State in public, and also because of treating individual party organizations with contempt, several personalities of the NSDFB (Stahlhelm) in Thuringia had to be taken into protective custody and to be deported to concentration camp Bad Sulsza. For the same reason a decree had to be issued, according to which the following are prohibited: 1) the wearing of badges or of uniforms of any kind which indicate membership to the NSDFB (Stahlhelm); 2) all meetings including roll-calls, private member meetings, concerts or other hall-meetings of the NSDFB (Stahlhelm); 3) the public display of flags of the NSDFB (Stahlhelm) on buildings and grounds.

I hereby certify that the above copy agrees with the original publication in the paper "Westdeutscher Beobachter" 330 of 20.7.1935.

Nuernberg, 20 June 1946

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law.

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"Westdeutscher Beobachter" 339 dated 25 July 1935.

The Stahlhelm is dissolved in West Mecklenburg.

Schwerin, 25 July.

The Mecklenburg police announces: "In virtue of Paragraph 1 ..... the Parchin and Ludwigslust district branches and Waren local branch of the NSDFB (Stahlhelm) of the Hansa Provincial Association are dissoved, effective immediately. Consequently, the wearing of uniforms and insignia of the NSDFB of the districts concerned and of the district of the Waren local branch is forbidden. Infractions will be penalized in virtue of Paragraph 4.. .. Motive: In the Parchim and Ludwigslust districts, infractions by members of the NSDFB against ordinances of the State authorities and Party offices have been repeatedly committed. Thus, the direction of the NSDFB in the Parchim district has recently contrived to prevent participation of Stahlhelm members in the air raid defence courses ordered by the district provincial council. Moreover, inaccurate rumours verging on high treason have been consistently circulated by these circles, which are liable to shake the population's confidence in the National Socialist management of State affairs. The provocative conduct of NSDFB members has gone so far as to result in the knocking down of an SA man of the Stahlhelm in Stolp and the holding of protest meetings in Waren against access of the Jews to membership of the NSDFB. The development of the past weeks show that the NSDFB in these districts is working purposely and according to plan against the State and that its dissolution as ordered by the ordinance enacted is necessary".

I certify that this text is a literal reproduction from a publication by the newspaper "Westdeutscher Beobachter" 339 dated 25. 7. 1935.

Nuernberg, 20 Juni 1946.

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law.

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(Line 1 - line 18, incl.:)

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"Westdeutscher Beobachter" 341 of 26 July 1935.

Stahlhelm dissolved in East Prussia.

KOENIGSBERG, 26 July.

By order of the State Police Branch KOENIGSBERG as head office for the Province of East Prussia, by virtue of Paragraph I, the East Prussia Provincial association of the NSDFB (Stahlhelm) including its subordinate branches were dissolved with immediate effect under simultaneous confiscation of their property. In its preamble several particularly striking incidents are reported: In spite of the dissolution of the Stahlhelm - Student - Associations (Studentenring) in December 1933 this organization was carried on under the leadership of the University group leader (Hoechschulgruppenfuehrer) BISTRIK and combined its collaboration in closest agreement with the Provincial Administration of East Prussia of the NSDFB.. That its aims could only be general undermining of the racial community, became most evident at the visit of these leaders to ARNAU where the flags of the dissolved Students - Associations were displayed.

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NUERNBERG, 20 June 1946

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law

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From a German paper

July 1935

Prohibition forbidding the wearing of uniforms of the German National Socialist War Veterans' League (Steel Helmet) in Schmalkalden.

German News Agency Kassel, 28 July.

The Leader of the State Police Main Office announces:

By virtue of Par. 1 of the Reich President's decree of 28 February 1933 for the protection of people and state together with Par. 14 of the Police -Administration Law and with the approval of the Administration President of Kassel, it is prohibited for the German National Socialist War Veterans' League (Steel Helmet) to hold assemblies and meetings of any kind or to wear uniforms, flags and insignia within the district of Schmalkalden.

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From a German Newspaper July 1935

Prohibition of the wearing of uniform and of meetings for the NSDFB (Stahlhelm).

Dresden, 30 July.

The Minister for the Interior for Saxony has issued a decree in the official gazette of Saxony of 30 July according to which, in accordance with paragraph 1 of the decree of the President of the Reich for the protection of people and state of 28 February 1933 the wearing of insignia or of uniform clothing of any kind which are a distinguishing mark betokening membership of the NSDFB (Stahlhelm) is forbidden. It is further forbidden to hold meetings of any kind including closed assemblies of members and so-called compulsory routine meetings, as well as any other manifestations (concerts, etc.) in enclosed premises or in the open by the NSDFB (Stahlhelm). Infringements of this decree come under the penalties provided for by paragraph 4 of the above-mentioned decree of the President of the Reich. The decree comes into force on the day of its publication.

The responsible Saxon authorities have for several months past been informed of the attitude and statements by members of the Stahlhelm which led to the conclusion that the persons in question had not assumed the unreservedly positive attitude towards the National Socialist state which the leaders of the Stahlhelm themselves demand of its members. The Stahlhelm has proved itself incapable of turning the old enemies of the National Socialist ideology who, after the victory of National Socialism, joined its ranks in untold numbers, into fellow Germans conscious of their responsibilities and unconditional supporters of the new State. It can now be considered as proved that a large number of incorrigible old enemies of the State have found a refuge in the ranks of the Saxon Stahlhelm in order to begin an insidious underground agitation against the Third Reich.

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Nuernberg, 30 June 1946.

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law.

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From a German newspaper

30 July 1935

Handing over of flags (Standartenuebergabe) in Bremervoerde.

The following report has been transmitted to us for publication by SA-Standarte 26:

On Sunday a meeting of leaders of the SA-Standarte took place in Bremervoerde, to which all the SA-leaders of the Standarten areas as well as of the Reservesturmbann R.75 were summoned .....

Leaders and men then entered the Roetting Hall, where Brigade leader RAECKE made a one hour speech in which, among other things, he stated as follows .....

The enemies which were overthrown in 1933, are again beginning to assert themselves. Jewry begins again to gain ground and tries to go on playing its part. Freemasonry also tries to maintain its past relations and to strengthen them. Freemasonry is a parasite of the nation. No freemason may be or stay in a responsible position. The hardly pressed Marxism also tries, especially in the big cities, to regain ground. The position of the Stahlhelm, so far obscure, has been clarified these last few days. This is proved by the events in Baden, Silesia, Thuringia, East Prussia and Mecklenburg.

In a narrower sense also a leader of the NSDFB has said in a speech that the Stahlhelm, a few years earlier, pursued a parallel movement, with the same aims, as that of Hitler in Munich, which only differed from that of the Stahlhelm in the choices of methods. This monstrous assertion must be refuted most categorically, because the Stahlhelm was from that time always to be found where the adversaries of the movement stood.

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Nuernberg, June 30,1946.

s/ KLEFISCH

Attorney-at-Law

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From a German Newspaper
July 1935

Prohibition of the Stahlhelm in the District (Regierungsbezirk) of Wiesbaden.

Frankfurt a.Main, 31 July.

In accordance with Article 1 of the Decree of the Reich President for the Protection of the People and the State of 28 February 1933, the National Socialist German League of Combat Veterans (Stahlhelm) with its district (Gau) leadership and all sub-formations, district and local leaderships, is dissolved, effective immediately for the area administered by the State Police Agency at Wiesbaden, and with equal effect for the District (Regierungsbezirk) of Wiesbaden, Simultaneously with this prohibition, all appearances in public as well as the wearing of uniforms and insignia of the National Socialist German League of Combat Veterans (Stahlhelm) is also prohibited for the entire area of the District (Regierungsbezirk) of Wiesbaden. Violations will be prosecuted in accordance with Article 4 of the Decree of the Reich President for the Protection of the People and the State of 28 February 1933. The prohibition has been enforced, because it was discovered that the National Socialist German League of Combat Veterans (Stahlhelm) has until very recently still worked against the State and against the lawful regulations.

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Nuernberg, 30 June 1946

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Attorney-at-Law.

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From A German Newspaper

August 1935

Provincial Associations Berlin-Brandenburg, Pomerania and Ostmark (Austria) of "Stahlhelm" (Steelhelmet) dissolved

Elements inimical to the State - hotbed of hostile and reactionary elements

Berlin, 8 August

Gestapo announces that the regional associations Berlin-Brandenburg, Pomerania and Austria of N.S.D.F.B. (Stahlhelm) (German War Veterans' Association) with all affiliations were immediately dissolved on the basis of paragraph 1 of the decree for the protection of Nation and State of February 28 - in conjunction with paragraph 14 of P.V.G. (Parteiverbotsgesetz; decree outlawing parties). The property of these provincial associations and their affiliations was for the time being confiscated. The official reason given by the Gestapo for banning these provincial associations Berlin-Brandenburg and Pomerania is as follows:

"The political development of the so-called provincial associations have taken on forms these last months, more specifically even during recent weeks, which are calculated to discredit the authority of the National Socialist State. Numerous statements made by members and leaders of these associations reveal an attitude of opposition, one which even is inimical to the State. State regulations promulgated for N.S.D.F.B. for application also in these associations were either disregarded or circumvented. The fact that up until most recent times the practice was followed of admitting non-war veterans, elements coming from Marxist camps and united antagonistic parties make of the N.S.D.F.B., a hotbed of hostile and reactionary elements. Public safety, peace and order therefore demand the dissolution of the provincial associations Berlin-Brandenburg and Pomerania." The same reasons compelled the competent State Police Office to decree dissolution of the Austrian association.

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From a German newspaper

August 1935

Local groups of Stahlhelm dissolved

for activity hostile to the State:

Gronau 12 August

By virtue of Para 1 of the Reich President's Ordinance for the Protection of the People and State dated 28 February 1933, in connection with Para. 14 of the Police Administrative Act for the territory of the city of Gronau, and effective immediately, the National Socialist German League of Front-Line Fighters (Stahlhelm) has been dissolved for activity hostile of the State.

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Nuernberg, 30 June 1946.

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"NSZ-Rheinfront" of 22 July 1935.

(On the Stahlhelm editorial by Josef Huenerfauth):

"The Stahlhelm as a detached organization has lost all purpose today. Let us honor its military traditions. However, it is strongly incriminated in the national-political judgement by its political past. The Stahlhelm in its inner character was never National Socialist".

I certify that this document is a true copy of a publication of the Newspaper "NSZ-Rheinfront" of 22 July 1935.

Nuernberg, 22 June 1946.

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Heyser Zeitung No. 196. 29th Year, of 23 August 1935.

Fight the Obscurantists!

Big Demonstration at Buecken - District Superintendent (Gauwalter) Carius Speaks.

At a well-attended meeting in the hall of the Buecker Hof at Buecken, sponsored by the party and the German Labor Front, District Supervisor (Gauwalter) of the German Labor Front Carius (Hannover) spoke last night.

(Lines 26 - 43 incl.:)

It would be better to do something than to stand inactively on the ground of the actual facts as the Stahlhelm, for example, had done in the past. There were many members of the Stahlhelm who held the view that they could get along with any government, no matter if the German Socialist Party, the Center Party, or even the German Communist Party were at the helm..... To the comrades of the Stahlhelm who in the judgment of the local administrators (Amtswalter) were decent men, he would say: Be sincere and full of courage at this time, and follow General Field Marshal von Mackensen who considers the Stahlhelm superfluous and finished today! To those, however, who believe that just to keep up a tradition they must maintain their organization today, he said: If the Stahlhelm has absorbed the elements of 1933 which we were fighting, if in part it absorbed the rabble, then it must be finished!..... In our struggle we will not make any difference between Jews, members of the Stahlhelm, and political Catholics; they are our enemies, and we shall know how to deal with them.....

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"Voelkischer Beobachter" 213 of 1 August 1935

Whither Stahlhelm?

Referring to the various local prohibitions and measures against the organizations of the NSDFB, we here publish an article from the "Schwarze Korps" the newspaper of the SS of the NSDAP.

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Today, two years after this solution, the National Socialist State must confirm that the confidence shown by a large part of the NSDAP towards the Movement and government was bitterly disappointed. Instead of striving by every means to be true to the commitments which the new government imposed upon them by its manner of acting, they allowed themselves to become a hot bed of opposition of a reactionary as well as of a marxist tendency.

In complete misunderstanding of its tasks, the NSDFB in general could not, since its reorganization avoid a steady flow of members into its association whose right place would be anywhere but in an association which must perform National-Socialist tasks. Whilst, for example, during the years before their assumption of power, the Stahlhelm always failed in its task of approaching the working class to any considerable extent, a curious flow of formerly "leftist" circles towards the association began, which it (the Stahlhelm) could by no manner of means induce to change their attitude. It was equally impossible to eliminate the influence of those groups who, on account of their constant "Home service" had no business in an association of Frontline soldiers.

(Line 35 - line 44, incl.:)

Or can one possibly contest that Jews and men of Jewish descent were marching, even in leading positions, in the ranks of the Stahlhelm, and that a great part of the ranks of the leaders was composed of leading Freemasons? Can one contest that the NSDFB accepted the financial help of Jewish circles and does anyone wish to bring the counter proof against the fact that, only to mention one example the Fuehrerkorps of Bremen consisted in the greater part of Freemasons? Or that for instance the leader of the District Association Grenzland Sued Dr. med. Friedrich WOLFF was of Jewish descent?

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or that, only to mention this one thing more in June 1934 a meeting was held in Leipzig, to which leading members of the Jewish Association of Front Line Fighters had been invited?

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Nuernberg, 20 June 1946

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